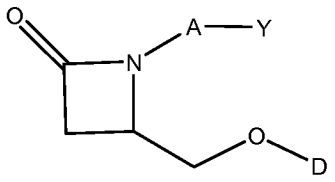
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound comprising



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug or a metabolite thereof;
wherein Y is an organic acid functional group, or an amide or ester thereof comprising up to 12 carbon atoms; or Y is hydroxymethyl or an ether thereof comprising up to 12 carbon atoms; or Y is a tetrazolyl functional group;
A is $-(CH_2)_6-$, *cis* $-CH_2CH=CH-(CH_2)_3-$, or $-CH_2C\equiv C-(CH_2)_3-$, wherein 1 or 2 carbon atoms may be substituted with S or O; or A is $-(CH_2)_m-Ar-(CH_2)_o-$ wherein Ar is interarylene or heterointerarylene, the sum of m and o is from 1 to 4, and wherein one CH_2 may be substituted with S or O; and
D is aryl or heteroaryl.

2. The compound of claim 1 wherein D is phenyl.

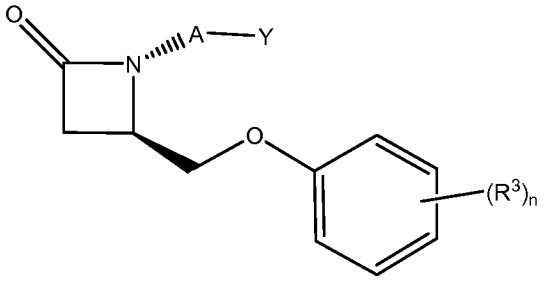
3. The compound of claim 2 wherein D is chlorophenyl.

4. The compound of claim 3 wherein D is 3,5-dichlorophenyl.

5. The compound of claim 2 wherein D is unsubstituted phenyl.

6. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is $-(CH_2)_6-$, *cis* $-CH_2CH=CH-(CH_2)_3-$, or $-CH_2C\equiv C-(CH_2)_3-$.

7. The compound of claim 2 comprising

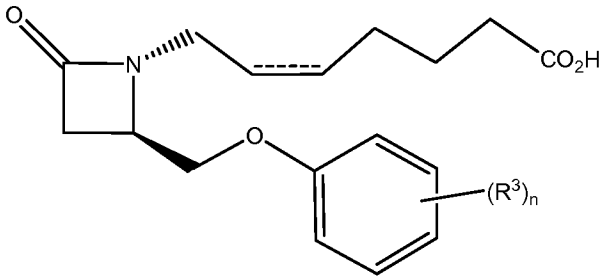


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug or a metabolite thereof;

wherein R^3 is independently methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methoxy, ethoxy, isopropoxy, NH_2, OH, CN, NO_2, or CF_3; and

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3.

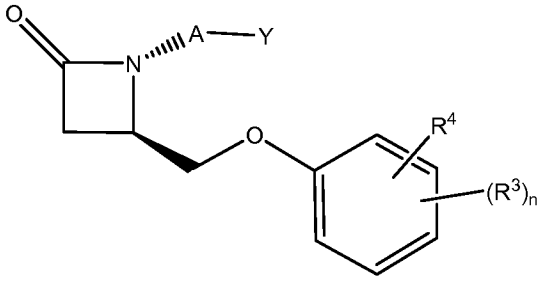
8. The compound of claim 7 comprising



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug or a metabolite thereof;

wherein a dashed line indicates the presence or absence of a covalent bond.

9. The compound of claim 2 comprising



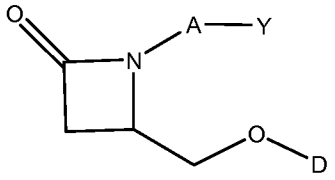
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug or a metabolite thereof;

wherein R^3 is independently methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methoxy, ethoxy, isopropoxy, NH_2, OH, CN, NO_2, or CF_3;

R^4 is hydroxyhydrocarbyl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3.

10. A method comprising administering an effective amount of a compound to a mammal for the treatment or prevention of glaucoma or ocular hypertension, said compound comprising.



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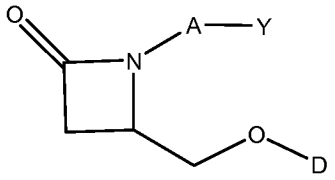
D is aryl or heteroaryl.

11. A liquid comprising a compound
wherein said liquid is ophthalmically acceptable,
said compound comprising.



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D is aryl or heteroaryl.

12. A compound comprising a 4-(aryloxymethyl)azetidin-2-one or a 4-(heteroaryloxymethyl)azetidin-2-one, substituted at the beta lactam nitrogen with a prostaglandin α chain, wherein said compound is active at a prostaglandin EP_2 receptor.